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AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO ELECTIONS RELATED STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) On and after the effective
- date of this section, (1) "tabulator" shall be substituted for "machine"
- and "tabulators" shall be substituted for "machines", and (2) "ballot"
- 4 shall be substituted for "ballot label" and "ballots" shall be substituted
- 5 for "ballot labels" in the following sections of the general statutes: 2-18,
- 6 7-171, 7-292, 7-295, 7-304, 7-328c, 7-344, 7-407, 9-4, 9-7b, 9-135b, 9-150a,
- 7 9-150b, 9-150d, 9-168a, 9-188, 9-229, 9-234, 9-235d, 9-236a, 9-239, 9-240,
- 8 9-247a, 9-250a, 9-251, 9-256, 9-267, 9-308, 9-311a, 9-323, 9-324, 9-328, 9-
- 9 329a, 9-329b, 9-330, 9-332, 9-353, 9-354, 9-363, 9-366, 9-369d, 9-371b, 9-
- 10 372, 9-400, 9-426, 9-428, 9-434, 9-440, 9-446, 9-453d, 9-476, 10-45, 10-51,
- 11 10-63n, 11-36 and 13a-11.
- 12 Sec. 2. Section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 14 Except as otherwise provided, the following terms, as used in this

15 title and sections 3-124, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-17, 7-20, 7-39, 7-157, 7-214, 7-275,

- 16 7-295, 7-343, 7-407, 8-1, 8-5, 8-19, 10-219, 11-36, 13a-11, 30-10, 30-11, 45a-
- 17 18, 45a-19 and 51-95 [shall] have the following meanings:
- (a) ["Ballot label"] "Ballot" means paper or other material containing
- 19 the names of the candidates or a statement of a proposed constitutional
- amendment or other question or proposition to be voted on;
- 21 (b) "Board for admission of electors" means the board as composed
- 22 under subsection (a) of section 9-15a;
- 23 (c) "Clerical error" means any error in the registry list or enrollment
- list due to a mistake or an omission on the part of the printer or a
- 25 mistake or omission made by the registrars or their assistants;
- 26 (d) "Election" means any electors' meeting at which the electors
- 27 choose public officials by use of voting [machines] tabulators or by
- 28 paper ballots as provided in [sections 9-271 and] section 9-272, as
- 29 amended by this act;
- 30 (e) "Elector" means any person possessing the qualifications
- 31 prescribed by the Constitution and duly admitted to, and entitled to
- 32 exercise, the privileges of an elector in a town;
- 33 (f) Repealed by P.A. 77-298, S. 14;
- 34 (g) "Municipal clerk" means the clerk of a municipality;
- 35 (h) "Municipal election" means the regularly recurring election held
- 36 in a municipality at which the electors of the municipality choose
- 37 public officials of such municipality;
- 38 (i) "Municipality" means any city, borough or town within the state;
- 39 (j) "Official ballot" means the official ballot to be used at an election,
- or the official [paper] ballot to be used thereat in accordance with the
- 41 provisions of [sections 9-271 and] section 9-272, as amended by this act;

42 (k) "Population" means the population according to the last-43 completed United States census;

- 44 (l) "Presidential electors" means persons elected to cast their ballots 45 for President and Vice President of the United States;
- 46 (m) "Print" means methods of duplication of words by mechanical 47 process, but shall not include typewriting;
- 48 (n) "Referendum" means (1) a question or proposal which is 49 submitted to a vote of the electors or voters of a municipality at any 50 regular or special state or municipal election, as defined in this section, 51 (2) a question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors 52 or voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such 53 electors or voters, which meeting is not an election, as defined in 54 subsection (d) of this section, and is not a town meeting, or (3) a 55 question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors or 56 voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such 57 electors or voters pursuant to section 7-7 or pursuant to charter or 58 special act;
- 59 (o) "Regular election" means any state or municipal election;
- (p) "Registrars" means the registrars of voters of the municipality;
- 61 (q) "Registry list" means the list of electors of any municipality 62 certified by the registrars;
- (r) "Special election" means any election not a regular election;
- (s) "State election" means the election held in the state on the first
- 65 Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even-numbered
- 66 years in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of
- 67 Connecticut;
- 68 (t) "State officers" means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
- 69 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General;

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70 (u) "Voter" means a person qualified to vote at town and district meetings under the provisions of section 7-6;

- 72 (v) "Voting district" means any municipality, or any political 73 subdivision thereof, having not more than one polling place in a 74 regular election;
- 75 (w) "Voting tabulator" means a machine, including, but not limited 76 to, a device which operates by electronic means, for the registering and 77 recording of votes cast at elections, primaries and referenda;
- 78 (x) "Write-in ballot" means a vote cast for any person whose name 79 does not appear on the official ballot as a candidate for the office for 80 which [his] the person's name is written in;
- (y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election" means the day which is the seventh day prior to an election.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 9-135a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) Each absentee ballot shall be arranged to resemble the appropriate ballot [label] and sample ballot [label] as prescribed by law, and shall include, as applicable, the offices, party designations, names of candidates and questions to be voted upon and spaces for write-in votes. A replica of the state seal shall be printed on the ballot. The size, type, form, instructions, specifications for paper and printing
- 92 and other specifications shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the
- 93 State. [The Secretary of the State shall provide a ballot facsimile to each
- 94 municipal clerk for use in preparing the ballot form.]
- 95 Sec. 4. Section 9-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- If any special election is called to fill a vacancy in any office on the same day as a regular election, the names of the candidates for such office shall be placed on the same [voting machine] <u>ballot</u> as the names

of the candidates to be voted for at such regular election, and except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, the provisions of the

- 102 statutes governing regular elections shall apply to such special
- 103 election.
- Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 9-235 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 106 passage):
- 107 (b) Except for rows of candidates entitled to unofficial checkers
- 108 under subsection (a) of this section, each group of three or more
- 109 electors whose names appear in one single row on the [voting
- machine] ballot [label] in a voting district, may designate not more
- than two electors of the town in which the voting district is located, to
- serve as unofficial checkers on behalf of the candidates whose names
- appear in such row. Such candidates shall submit a list of the names of
- such designees to the registrars of voters at least forty-eight hours
- prior to the election. The registrars shall verify that each such designee
- is an elector of the town and shall appoint not more than two such
- designees to serve each such row of candidates. The registrars shall, at
- the request of such a group of three or more electors, change such
- designations at any time before the closing of the polls on the day of an
- 120 election.
- 121 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-238 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 123 passage):
- 124 (a) Except as provided in [sections 9-271 and] section 9-272, as
- amended by this act, voting [machines] tabulators shall be used at all
- elections held in any municipality, or in any part thereof, for voting
- and registering and counting votes cast at such elections for officers,
- and upon all questions or amendments submitted at such elections.
- The board of selectmen of each town, the common council of each city
- and the warden and burgesses of each borough shall purchase or lease,
- or otherwise provide, for use at elections in each such municipality a

132 number of voting tabulators approved by the Secretary of the State.

- 133 Different voting tabulators may be provided for different voting
- districts in the same municipality. Notwithstanding any provision of
- 135 this subsection to the contrary, the registrars of voters of a
- municipality may determine the number of voting tabulators that shall
- 137 be provided for use at any special election in such municipality,
- provided the registrars shall provide at least one voting tabulator in
- the municipality or, in a municipality divided into voting districts, at
- least one voting tabulator in each such district.
- 141 Sec. 7. Section 9-238a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- During the first week of February in each year, the town clerk of
- each town shall notify the Secretary of the State, on a form provided by
- said secretary, of the total number of [names on the active registry list
- and on each enrollment list and the total number of unaffiliated
- electors, in such town, and of the total number of voting [machines]
- 148 therein] tabulators in such town and, in towns divided into voting
- 149 districts, in addition, the same information for each voting district. If
- the number of [machines] <u>tabulators</u> listed in such notification is less
- than the number required under section 9-238, as amended by this act,
- the town clerk shall include in such notification an explanation of the
- discrepancy. Each such clerk shall also file a duplicate copy of such
- 154 notification with the officials who are required to provide voting
- 155 [machines] tabulators in [his] the clerk's municipality under section 9-
- 156 238, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 8. Section 9-240a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 158 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Not more than two hundred ten days nor less than thirty days prior
- 160 to each regular election for state officers, each voting [machine]
- 161 <u>tabulator</u> to be used in the next succeeding regular election, including
- 162 <u>each</u> additional [machines] <u>tabulator</u> required under section 9-238, <u>as</u>
- 163 <u>amended by this act,</u> shall be examined by the company which

164 manufactured the same or its successor or, with the approval of the 165 Secretary of the State, by persons skilled in the mechanics and operation of [said machines] such tabulator, for the purpose of 166 167 determining that such [machine] tabulator is in sound operable condition for use in such election. Arrangements for such examination 168 169 shall be made by the officials responsible for providing voting 170 [machines] tabulators under section 9-238, as amended by this act. The 171 company or person making such examination shall file a report with 172 respect to each [machine] tabulator with the Secretary of the State and 173 with [said] such officials, indicating whether or not such [machine] 174 tabulator is in sound operable condition. When, as a result of any such 175 examination, a [machine] tabulator is found not to be in sound 176 operable condition, [said] such officials shall have such [machine] 177 tabulator repaired, or shall provide a voting [machine] tabulator in 178 sound operable condition to replace the [machine] tabulator found 179 inoperable. The cost for such examination in each town shall be paid 180 by such town. Failure to cause the examination of a voting [machine] 181 tabulator, as herein required, shall not, of itself, prevent the use of such 182 [machine] tabulator in any election.

- Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 9-241 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 186 (a) Any person owning or holding an interest in any voting 187 [machine] tabulator, as defined in subsection (w) of section 9-1, as 188 amended by this act, may apply to the Secretary of the State to examine such [machine] tabulator and report on its accuracy and 189 190 efficiency. The Secretary of the State shall examine the [machine] 191 tabulator and determine whether, in the Secretary's opinion, the kind 192 of [machine] tabulator so examined (1) meets the requirements of 193 section 9-242, as amended by this act, (2) can be used at elections, 194 primaries and referenda held pursuant to this title, and (3) [in the case 195 of an electronic voting machine examined by the Secretary after the 196 Voting Technology Standards Board submits the report required under 197 section 9-242c, complies with the standards adopted by said board

198 under section 9-242c] complies with applicable standards for electronic 199 voting tabulators. If the Secretary of the State determines that the 200 [machine] tabulator can be so used, such [machine] tabulator may be 201 adopted for such use. No [machine] tabulator not so approved shall be 202 so used. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of one 203 hundred dollars and the Secretary of the State shall not approve any 204 [machine] tabulator until such fee and the expenses incurred by the 205 Secretary in making the examination have been paid by the person making such application. Any voting [machine] tabulator company 206 207 that has had its voting [machine] tabulator approved and that 208 subsequently alters such [machine] tabulator in any way shall provide 209 the Secretary of the State with notice of such alterations, including a 210 description thereof and a statement of the purpose of such alterations. 211 If any such alterations appear to materially affect the accuracy, 212 appearance or efficiency of the [machine] tabulator, or modify the 213 [machine] tabulator so that it can no longer be used at elections, 214 primaries or referenda held pursuant to this title, at the discretion of 215 the Secretary of the State, the company shall submit such alterations 216 for inspection and approval, at its own expense, before such altered 217 [machines] tabulators may be used. The Secretary of the State may 218 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, 219 concerning examination and approval of voting [machines] tabulators 220 under this section. No voting [machine] <u>tabulator</u> that records votes by 221 means of holes punched in designated voting response locations may 222 be approved or used at any election, primary or referendum held 223 pursuant to this title.

- Sec. 10. Section 9-242 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 226 (a) A voting [machine] <u>tabulator</u> approved by the Secretary of the 227 State shall be so constructed as to provide facilities for voting for the 228 candidates of at least nine different parties or organizations. It shall 229 permit voting in absolute secrecy. It shall be provided with a lock by 230 means of which any illegal movement of the voting or registering 231 mechanism is absolutely prevented. Such [machine] <u>tabulator</u> shall be

232 so constructed that an elector cannot vote for a candidate or on a 233 proposition for whom or on which [he] the elector is not lawfully 234 entitled to vote.

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- (b) It shall be so constructed as to prevent an elector from voting for more than one person for the same office, except when [he] the elector 237 is lawfully entitled to vote for more than one person for that office, and it shall afford [him] the elector an opportunity to vote for only as many 239 persons for that office as [he] the elector is by law entitled to vote for, 240 at the same time preventing [his] the elector from voting for the same person twice. It shall be so constructed that all votes cast will be 242 registered or recorded by the [machine] tabulator.
- 243 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, 244 the Secretary of the State may approve a voting [machine] tabulator 245 which requires the elector in the polls to place [his] the elector's ballot 246 into the recording device and which meets the voluntary performance 247 and test standards for voting systems adopted by (1) the Federal 248 Election Commission on January 25, 1990, as amended from time to 249 time, or (2) the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to the Help 250 America Vote Act of 2002, P.L. 107-252, 42 USC 15481-85, as amended 251 from time to time, whichever standards are most current at the time of 252 the Secretary of the State's approval, and regulations which the 253 Secretary of the State may adopt in accordance with the provisions of 254 chapter 54, provided the voting [machine] tabulator shall (A) warn the 255 elector of overvotes, (B) not record overvotes, and (C) not record more 256 than one vote of an elector for the same person for an office.
 - (d) Any direct recording electronic voting [machine] tabulator approved by the Secretary of the State for an election or primary held on or after July 1, 2005, shall be so constructed as to:
- 260 (1) (A) Contemporaneously produce an individual, permanent, paper record containing all of the elector's selections of ballot preferences for candidates and questions or proposals, if any, prior to the elector's casting a ballot, as set forth in this subsection, and (B)

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264 produce at any time after the close of the polls a voting [machine] 265 tabulator generated, individual, permanent, paper record of each such 266 elector's selections of ballot preferences for candidates and questions 267 or proposals, if any. Both the contemporaneously produced paper 268 record and the voting [machine] tabulator generated paper record of 269 each elector's selections of ballot preferences shall include a voting 270 [machine] tabulator generated unique identifier that can be matched 271 against each other and which preserves the secrecy of the elector's 272 ballot as set forth in subdivision (4) of this subsection;

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- (2) Provide each elector with an opportunity to verify that the contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, paper record accurately conforms to such elector's selection of ballot preferences, as reflected on the electronic summary screen, and to hear, if desired, an audio description of such electronic summary screen, for the purpose of having an opportunity to make any corrections or changes prior to casting the ballot. If an elector makes corrections or changes prior to casting the ballot, the voting [machine] tabulator shall void such contemporaneously produced paper record, contemporaneously produce another paper record containing such corrections or changes and provide the elector with another opportunity to verify ballot preferences in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. As used in this section, "electronic summary screen" means a screen generated by a direct recording electronic voting [machine] tabulator that displays a summary of an elector's selections of ballot preferences for candidates and questions or proposals, if any, at an election or primary;
- (3) Provide that a ballot shall be deemed cast on the voting [machine] <u>tabulator</u> at the time that an elector's contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, voter-verified paper record, containing all of the elector's final selections of ballot preferences, is (A) deposited inside a receptacle designed to store all such paper records produced by such voting [machine] <u>tabulator</u> on the day of the election or primary, and (B) the elector's selection of ballot preferences is simultaneously electronically recorded inside the voting [machine]

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tabulator for the purpose of (i) being electronically tabulated immediately after the polls are closed on the day of the election or primary, and (ii) producing, on such other day as required under section 9-242b, as amended by this act, a voting [machine] tabulator generated, individual, permanent, paper record of each such elector's selections of ballot preferences for candidates and questions or proposals, if any;

- (4) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (1) of section 9-242b, as amended by this act, secure the secrecy of each such elector's ballot by making it impossible for any other individual to identify the elector in relationship to such elector's selection of ballot preferences at the time that the elector (A) selects ballot preferences; (B) verifies the accuracy of the electronic summary screen by comparing it to the contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, paper record or the audio description of such electronic summary screen, prior to casting a ballot; (C) makes corrections or changes by reselecting ballot preferences and verifies the accuracy of such preferences in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection prior to casting a ballot; and (D) casts the ballot; and at the time that all electors' ballots are canvassed, recanvassed or otherwise tallied to produce a final count of the vote for candidates and questions or proposals, if any, whether through the electronic vote tabulation process or through the manual count process of each elector's contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, voter-verified paper record, as set forth in section 9-242b, as amended by this act; and
- (5) (A) Be accessible to blind or visually impaired persons by providing each elector, if desired by the elector, an audio description of the contemporaneously produced individual, permanent, paper record containing all of the elector's selections of ballot preferences, in addition to an audio description of the electronic summary screen and comply with such additional standards of accessibility included in regulations that the Secretary of the State may adopt in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

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(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, on or before June 30, 2007, the Secretary of the State may approve an electronic voting [machine] tabulator that does not comply with the provisions of said subparagraph if (i) the Secretary determines that there are no electronic voting [machines] tabulators available for purchase or lease at the time of such approval that are capable of complying with said subparagraph (A), (ii) the electronic voting [machine] tabulator complies with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection, and (iii) the person applying to the Secretary for approval of the electronic voting [machine] tabulator agrees to include a provision in any contract for the sale or lease of such voting [machines] tabulators that requires such person, upon notification by the Secretary that modifications to such [machines] tabulators that would bring the [machines] tabulators into compliance with said subparagraph (A) are available, to (I) so modify any electronic voting [machines] tabulators previously sold or leased under such contract in order to comply with said subparagraph (A), and (II) provide that any electronic voting [machines] tabulators sold or leased after receipt of such notice comply with said subparagraph (A). No voting [machine] tabulator approved under this subparagraph shall be used on or after July 1, 2007, unless it has been modified to comply with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

- Sec. 11. Section 9-242b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- The following procedures shall apply to any election or primary in which one or more direct recording electronic voting [machines] tabulators are used:
 - (1) Any elector who requires assistance by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write shall have the right to request assistance inside the voting booth by a person of the elector's choice in accordance with 42 USC 1973aa-6, as amended from time to time, or section 9-264, as amended by this act.

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(2) A canvass of the votes shall take place inside the polling place immediately following the close of the polls on the day of the election or primary in accordance with the requirements of chapter 148. With respect to direct recording electronic voting [machines] tabulators, any such canvass shall be an electronic vote tabulation of all of the votes cast on each such voting [machine] tabulator for each candidate and question or proposal, and the moderator shall attach a printout of such electronic vote tabulation to the tally sheets. The moderator shall then add together all of the votes recorded on each voting [machine] tabulator in use at the polling place, whether or not such voting [machines] tabulators were direct recording electronic voting [machines] tabulators, to produce a cumulative count within the polling place of all candidates and any questions or proposals appearing on the ballot in the election or primary. Any member of the public shall have a right to be present in the polling place to observe the canvass of the votes beginning as soon as the polls are declared closed by the moderator and continuing throughout the canvass of the votes of each voting [machine] tabulator until the final canvass of all of the votes cast on all of the voting [machines] tabulators in use in the polling place are added together for each candidate and question or proposal and publicly announced and declared by the moderator.

(3) If a recanvass of the votes is required pursuant to chapter 148, the recanvass officials shall, in addition to the other requirements of said chapter, conduct a manual tally of the individual, permanent, voter-verified, paper records contemporaneously produced by each direct recording electronic voting [machine] tabulator used within the geographical jurisdiction that is subject to such recanvass. The manual tally conducted for the recanvass shall be limited to the particular candidates and questions or proposals that are subject to recanvass. If the manual tabulation of such contemporaneously produced paper records does not reconcile with the electronic vote tabulation of a particular direct recording electronic voting [machine] tabulator or [machines] tabulators, such contemporaneously produced paper records shall be considered the true and correct record of each elector's

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vote on such electronic voting [machine] tabulator or [machines] tabulators and shall be used as the official record for purposes of declaring the official election results or for purposes of any subsequent recanvass, tally or election contest conducted pursuant to chapters 148 to 153, inclusive. If any of the contemporaneously produced individual, permanent, voter-verified paper records are found to have been damaged in such manner as they are unable to be manually tallied with respect to the ballot positions that are the subject of the recanvass, each such damaged record shall be matched against the voting [machine] tabulator generated, individual, permanent, paper record produced by the voting [machine] tabulator bearing the identical [machine-generated] tabulator-generated unique identifier as the damaged record and, in such instance, shall be substituted as the official record for purposes of determining the final election results or for purposes of any subsequent recanvass, tally or election contest.

- 412 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-311, the Secretary of the State may order a discrepancy recanvass under said section of the returns of an election or a primary for a district office, a state office or the office of elector of President and Vice-President of the United States, if the Secretary has reason to believe that discrepancies may have occurred that could affect the outcome of the election or primary. Any such discrepancy recanvass may be conducted of the returns in 419 any or all voting districts in (A) the district in which an election or 420 primary is held, in the case of an election or primary for a district office, or (B) the state, in the case of an election or primary for a state office or the office of elector of President and Vice-President of the 423 United States or a presidential preference primary, whichever is 424 applicable. As used in this subdivision, "district office" and "state office" have the same meanings as provided in section 9-372.
- (5) Not later than five business days after each election in which a 427 direct recording electronic voting [machine] tabulator is used, the 428 registrars of voters or their designees, representing at least two 429 political parties, shall conduct a manual audit of the votes recorded on 430 at least (A) two direct recording electronic voting [machines]

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tabulators used in each assembly district, or (B) a number of direct recording electronic voting [machines] tabulators equal to fifty per cent of the number of voting districts in the municipality, whichever is less. Not later than five business days after a primary in which a direct recording electronic voting [machine] tabulator is used, the registrar of voters of the party holding the primary shall conduct such a manual audit by designating two or more individuals, one of whom may be the registrar, representing at least two candidates in the primary. The [machines] tabulators audited under this subdivision shall be selected in a random drawing that is announced in advance to the public and is open to the public. All direct recording electronic voting [machines] tabulators used within an assembly district shall have an equal chance of being selected for the audit. The Secretary of the State shall determine and publicly announce the method of conducting the random drawing, before the election. The manual audit shall consist of a manual tabulation of the contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, voter-verified, paper records produced by each voting [machine] tabulator subject to the audit and a comparison of such count, with respect to all candidates and any questions or proposals appearing on the ballot, with the electronic vote tabulation reported for such voting [machine] tabulator on the day of the election or primary. Such audit shall not be required if a recanvass has been, or will be, conducted on the voting [machine] tabulator. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation. A reconciliation sheet, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, that reports and compares the manual and electronic vote tabulations of each candidate and question or proposal on each such voting [machine] tabulator, along with any discrepancies, shall be prepared by the audit officials, signed and forthwith filed with the town clerk of the municipality and the Secretary of the State. If contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, voter-verified, paper record is found to have been damaged, the same procedures described in subdivision (3) of this section for substituting such record with the voting [machine] tabulator generated, individual, permanent, paper record produced by the voting [machine] tabulator bearing the

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identical [machine] <u>tabulator</u> generated unique identifier as the damaged record shall apply and be utilized by the audit officials to complete the reconciliation. The reconciliation sheet shall be open to public inspection and may be used as prima facie evidence of a discrepancy in any contest arising pursuant to chapter 149. If the audit officials are unable to reconcile the manual count with the electronic vote tabulation and discrepancies, the Secretary of the State shall conduct such further investigation of the voting [machine] <u>tabulator</u> malfunction as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing whether or not to decertify the voting [machine] <u>tabulator</u> or [machines] <u>tabulators</u> and may order a recanvass in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (4) of this section.

- (6) The individual, permanent, voter-verified, paper records contemporaneously produced by any direct recording electronic voting [machine] tabulator in use at an election or primary held on or after July 1, 2005, shall be carefully preserved and returned in their designated receptacle in accordance with the requirements of section 9-266 [, 9-302] or 9-310, whichever is applicable, and may not be opened or destroyed, except during recanvass or manual audit as set forth in this section, for one hundred eighty days following an election or primary that does not include a federal office, pursuant to section 9-310, or for twenty-two months following an election or primary involving a federal office, pursuant to 42 USC 1974, as amended from time to time.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall preclude any candidate or elector from seeking additional remedies pursuant to chapter 149.
- 492 (8) After an election or primary, any voting [machine] <u>tabulator</u> may 493 be kept locked for a period longer than that prescribed by sections 9-494 266, 9-310 and 9-447, <u>as amended by this act</u>, if such an extended 495 period is ordered by either a court of competent jurisdiction or the 496 State Elections Enforcement Commission. Either the court or said 497 commission may order an audit of such voting [machines] <u>tabulators</u> 498 to be conducted by such persons as the court or said commission may

- 499 designate.
- Sec. 12. Section 9-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- The reports of the [mechanics] <u>registrars of voters</u>, provided for under section 9-246, and the report provided for under subsection (c) of section 9-244, shall be filed with the municipal clerk and shall be kept by the municipal clerk for at least sixty days after the election for which the [machines] <u>tabulators</u> were so prepared.
- Sec. 13. Section 9-248 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

509 When a voting [machine] tabulator is purchased or leased or otherwise provided for use in any municipality, the Secretary of the 510 511 State shall prepare or approve samples of the following printed matter 512 and supplies and shall furnish one of each to the officials of such 513 municipality who have so provided such [machine] tabulator in 514 accordance with the provisions of section 9-238, as amended by this 515 act: (1) Directions for testing and preparing the voting [machines] 516 tabulators for the election; (2) one certificate on which the [mechanic] 517 registrars of voters can certify that [he has] they have properly tested 518 and prepared the [machine] tabulator for the election; (3) one 519 certificate on which some person other than the [mechanic] registrars 520 of voters who prepared the [machine] tabulator can certify that the 521 [machine] tabulator has been examined and found to have been 522 properly prepared for the election; (4) one certificate on which can be 523 certified that party watchers have witnessed the testing and preparing 524 of the [machines] tabulators; (5) one certificate that the [machines] 525 tabulators have been delivered to polling places in good order; (6) one 526 card for each polling place, stating the penalty for tampering with or 527 injuring a voting [machine] tabulator; (7) two seals for sealing the [machine] tabulator; [(8) one envelope in which the keys to the 528 529 machine can be sealed and delivered to the election officials, such 530 envelope to have printed or written thereon the designation and

531 location of the voting district in which the machine is to be used, the 532 number of the machine, the number shown on the protective counter 533 thereof after the machine has been prepared for the election and the 534 number or other designation on such seal as the machine is sealed 535 with, such envelope to have attached to it a detachable receipt for the 536 delivery of the keys to the voting machine to the election officials; (9) 537 one envelope in which the keys to the voting machine can be returned 538 by the election officials after the election; (10) one card stating the 539 name and telephone number and address of the mechanic on the day 540 of the election; and (11)] and (8) a report of an inspection of the 541 [machines] tabulators by the moderator, registrars and checkers, which 542 inspection shall be made before the opening of the polls. The 543 [municipal clerk] registrars of voters shall, for each election, prepare 544 and furnish said supplies for each voting [machine] tabulator, in 545 conformity with said samples. The [municipal clerk] registrars of 546 voters shall also prepare and furnish to the election officials tally and 547 return blanks [containing the names of all candidates for office on the 548 official ballots, in such manner as may be directed by the Secretary of 549 the State, except that all blanks furnished by said secretary throughout 550 the state shall be uniform in their printing.

- Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 9-249 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 554 (a) Before each election, the registrars of voters [,] and certified 555 moderator [and certified mechanic] shall instruct the election officials. 556 Any provision of the general statutes or of any special act to the 557 contrary notwithstanding, election officials shall be appointed at least 558 twenty days before the election except as provided in section 9-229. 559 The registrars [,] and certified moderator [and certified mechanic] shall 560 instruct each election official who is to serve in a voting district in 561 which a voting [machine] tabulator is to be used in the use of the 562 [machine] tabulator and [his] the election official's duties in connection 563 therewith, and for the purpose of giving such instruction, such 564 instructors shall call such meeting or meetings of the election officials

as are necessary. Such instructors shall, without delay, file a report in

- 566 the office of the municipal clerk and with the Secretary of the State, (1)
- 567 stating that they have instructed the election officials named in the
- report and the time and place where such instruction was given, and
- 569 (2) containing a signed statement from each such election official
- acknowledging that the official has received such instruction.
- Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 9-249a of the general statutes is
- 572 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 573 passage):
- 574 (a) The names of the parties shall be arranged on the [machines]
- 575 ballots in the following order:
- 576 (1) The party whose candidate for Governor polled the highest
- 577 number of votes in the last-preceding election;
- 578 (2) Other parties who had candidates for Governor in the last-
- 579 preceding election, in descending order, according to the number of
- votes polled for each such candidate;
- 581 (3) Minor parties who had no candidate for Governor in the last-
- 582 preceding election;
- 583 (4) Petitioning candidates with party designation whose names are
- contained in petitions approved pursuant to section 9-4530; and
- 585 (5) Petitioning candidates with no party designation whose names
- are contained in petitions approved pursuant to section 9-453o.
- Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 9-249b of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 589 *passage*):
- 590 (a) If, after applying the provisions of sections 9-249a, as amended
- 591 by this act, and 9-453r, as amended by this act, the number of party
- 592 designations and petitioning candidate rows on the ballot exceeds
- 593 nine, the Secretary of the State may authorize (1) two or more party

designations and petitioning candidates to appear on the same row of the [voting machines] <u>ballot</u>, beginning with the ninth row on the [voting machines] <u>ballot</u> and, if necessary, then moving up one or more rows, (2) that an office take two or more columns on the [voting machines] <u>ballot</u>, and (3) that the party designation, or an abbreviation of it, be repeated on the ballot.

Sec. 17. Section 9-255 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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The board of selectmen or the municipal clerk shall provide for all polling places using voting [machines] tabulators at least three sample [ballot labels which shall be arranged in the form of a diagram showing the entire front of the voting machine as it will appear after the official ballot labels are arranged for voting on election day or that portion thereof which will ballots that shall contain the offices, party designations, names of candidates, write-in slots and questions to be voted upon. On each such sample ballot [label] shall be printed instructions as to the use of the voting [machine] tabulator, which instructions shall be approved by the Secretary of the State. Such sample [ballot labels] ballots shall be so posted inside the polling place as to be visible to those within the polling place during the whole day of election. At least one of such sample [ballot labels] ballots shall be so posted as to be visible to an elector being instructed on the [demonstrator or spare voting machine] use of the voting tabulator under section 9-260.

Sec. 18. Section 9-264 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[(a)] An elector who requires assistance to vote, by reason of blindness, disability or inability to write or to read the ballot, may be given assistance by a person of the elector's choice, other than (1) the elector's employer, (2) an agent of such employer, or (3) an officer or agent of the elector's union. The person assisting the elector may accompany the elector into the voting [machine] booth. Such person

626 shall register such elector's vote upon the [machine] ballot as such 627 elector directs. Any person accompanying an elector into the voting 628 [machine] booth who deceives any elector in registering [his] the 629 elector's vote under this section or seeks to influence any elector while 630 in the act of voting, or who registers any vote for any elector or on any 631 question other than as requested by such elector, or who gives 632 information to any person as to what person or persons such elector 633 voted for, or how [he] such elector voted on any question, shall be 634 fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than 635 five years or both.

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[(b) Paper ballots provided by the municipal clerk to the moderator pursuant to section 9-259 shall be made available for electors with disabilities in polling places in which a voting machine cannot be adjusted to allow all necessary parts to be reached from a chair. Such paper ballots shall be used at the option of the elector with disabilities. The elector shall announce the elector's name to the checkers who shall cross the elector's name off the registry list and add it with the elector's address to the end of the official checklist where it shall be designated "paper ballot for persons with disabilities" or "PBD" and serially numbered. After the elector has so announced the elector's name, the moderator shall deliver to the elector an absentee ballot and a seriallynumbered envelope. The elector shall forthwith mark the ballot in the presence of the moderator in such manner that the moderator shall not know how the ballot is marked. The elector shall fold the ballot in the presence of the moderator so as to conceal the markings and deposit and seal it in the serially-numbered envelope. The elector shall deliver the envelope to the moderator who shall place it in a speciallydesignated depository envelope. The paper ballots thus received shall be counted at the next scheduled absentee ballot count in the same manner as other absentee ballots. Such ballots so counted shall be preserved by placing them in the depository envelopes with the regular absentee ballots, and such serially-numbered envelopes shall be placed in the depository envelopes with the regular absentee ballot envelopes.]

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Sec. 19. Section 9-352 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any election official who, with intent to cause or permit any voting [machine] tabulator to fail to correctly register all votes cast thereon, tampers with or disarranges such [machine] tabulator in any way or any part or appliance thereof, or causes such [machine] tabulator to be used or consents to its being used for voting at any election with knowledge of the fact that the same is not in order, or not perfectly set and adjusted to correctly register all votes cast thereon, or who, for the purpose of defrauding or deceiving any elector or of causing it to be doubtful for what candidate or candidates or proposition any vote is cast, or causing it to appear upon such [machine] tabulator that votes cast for one candidate or proposition were cast for another candidate or proposition, removes, changes or mutilates any ballot [label on such machine or any part thereof,] shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Sec. 20. Section 9-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Immediately after the polls are closed, the official checkers, appointed under the provisions of section 9-234, shall make and deliver to the moderator a certificate, in duplicate, stating the whole number of names on the registry list or enrollment list including, if applicable, unaffiliated electors authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the primary, and the number checked as having voted in that election or primary. For the purpose of computing the whole number of names on the registry list, the lists of persons who have applied for presidential or overseas ballots prepared in accordance with section 9-158h shall be included. Thereupon the registrars or assistant registrars, as the case may be, acting at the respective polls, shall write and sign with ink, on the list or lists so used and checked, a certificate of the whole number of names registered thereon eligible to vote in the election or primary and the number checked as having voted in that election or primary, and deposit it in the office of the municipal clerk

693 of their town on or before the following day. The municipal clerk shall 694 carefully preserve the same on file, with the marks on it without 695 alteration, for public inspection, and shall immediately enter a certified 696 copy of such certificate on the town records. Subject to the provisions 697 of section 7-109, the municipal clerk may destroy any voting check list 698 four years after the date upon which it was used. The moderator shall 699 place one of the duplicate certificates which [he] the moderator 700 received from the official checkers [in the voting machine together 701 with] with the voted ballots from the polling place and the moderator's 702 return provided for in sections 9-259 and 9-310 and shall then lock the 703 [machine] tabulator as provided in section 9-310, and [he] the 704 moderator shall deposit the other of such duplicate certificates in the 705 office of the municipal clerk on or before the following day.

Sec. 21. Section 9-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

708 As soon as the polls are closed, the moderator, in the presence of the 709 other election officials, shall immediately lock the voting [machine] tabulator against voting and immediately [open the counting 710 711 compartments, giving a full view of all the counter numbers to all the 712 election officials present] cause the vote totals for all candidates and 713 questions to be produced. The moderator shall, in the order of the 714 offices as their titles are arranged on the [machine] ballot, read and 715 announce in distinct tones the result as shown, [by the counter 716 numbers, giving the number indicated [by each counter] and 717 indicating the candidate to whom such [counter] total belongs, and 718 shall read the votes recorded for each office on the [voting machine 719 ballot label] ballot. [He] The moderator shall also, in the same manner, 720 announce the vote on each constitutional amendment, proposition or 721 other question voted on. The vote so announced by the moderator 722 shall be taken down by each checker and recorded on the tally sheets. 723 Each checker shall record the number of votes received for each 724 candidate on the [voting machine ballot label] ballot and also the 725 number received by each person for whom write-in ballots were cast. 726 The [counter compartment of the voting machine] result totals shall

remain [open] in full public view until the statement of canvass and all other reports have been fully completed and signed by the moderator, checkers and registrars, or assistant registrars, as the case may be. The result of the votes cast shall be publicly announced by the moderator, who shall read the name of each candidate, with the designating number and letter [of his counter and the machine vote registered on such counter] on the ballot and the absentee vote as furnished the moderator by the absentee ballot counters; also the vote cast for and against each question submitted. While such announcement is being made, ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present to compare the results so announced with the [counter dials of the machinel result totals provided by the tabulator and any necessary corrections shall then and there be made by the moderator, checkers and registrars or assistant registrars, after which the [doors] compartments of the voting [machine] tabulator shall be closed and locked. In canvassing, recording and announcing the result, the election officials shall be guided by any instructions furnished by the Secretary of the State. [If the machine is equipped with a device for printing totals of candidate and question counters, and the device has been made operational at the instruction of both registrars of voters, the doors concealing the counters shall not be opened. The printed record produced by the machine shall be the official return, and the results of the votes as shown thereon shall be proclaimed in the same manner as herein provided and ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present to inspect such printed records. If the moderator finds that the printed record is not clear, the doors concealing the counters shall be opened and counting shall proceed as with a machine which does not have such a device.]

Sec. 22. Section 9-367 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any person, not being an election official, who, with intent to cause or permit any ballot, voting tabulator or other appliance used in connection with such tabulator to fail to correctly register any vote cast upon such ballot, tabulator or other appliance, during any election or

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before any election, [after a voting machine has had placed upon it the ballot label for such election,] tampers with [such machine] a voting tabulator, disarranges, defaces, injures or impairs the same in any manner, or mutilates, injures or destroys any ballot [label placed thereon or to be placed thereon,] or any other appliance used in connection with such [machine] tabulator, shall be imprisoned for not more than five years.

Sec. 23. Section 9-369 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Whenever at any regular or special state or municipal election any vote for approval or disapproval of any constitutional amendment or any question or proposal is taken pursuant to the Constitution, the general statutes or any special act, unless otherwise provided, such election shall be warned and held, the vote on such amendment, question or proposal cast and canvassed and the result determined and certified as nearly as may be in accordance with the provisions governing the election of officers in the state or in such municipality. The warning for such election shall state that a purpose of such election is to vote for the approval or disapproval of such amendment, question or proposal and shall state the section of the Constitution or of the general statutes or the special act under authority of which such vote is taken. The vote on such amendment, question or proposal shall be taken by a "Yes" and "No" vote on the voting [machine] tabulator, and the designation of such amendment, question or proposal on the [voting machine ballot label] ballot shall be "Shall (here insert the question or proposal, followed by a question mark)". Such ballot [label] shall be provided for use in accordance with the provisions of section 9-250. The municipal clerk shall number on the ballot [label] the questions to be voted upon according to the order in which they will appear thereon, provided amendments to the Constitution shall be numbered by the Secretary of the State in numerical order based upon the dates on which resolutions proposing such amendments were passed, precedence being given to the earliest passed unless otherwise provided by the resolutions proposing such amendments. Each elector

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795 shall vote "Yes" if in favor of the amendment, question or proposal or 796 "No" if not in favor thereof. [The registrars of voters shall cause an 797 adhesive label, three inches high by four inches wide, upon which 798 shall be imprinted, in clearly discernible lettering, the words "Vote on 799 the Questions" to be affixed to the upper left-hand corner of each such 800 voting machine, directly opposite the spaces provided for the 801 amendment, question or proposal. Such adhesive labels shall be 802 provided by the Secretary of the State upon receipt of a written order 803 therefor from the registrars of voters, which order shall specify the 804 number of such labels required.] If, upon the official determination of 805 the result of such vote, it appears that a majority of all the votes so cast 806 are in approval of such amendment, question or proposal, such 807 amendment, question or proposal shall, unless otherwise provided, 808 take effect forthwith.

- Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 9-369c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (c) Upon receipt of the written form of the question or proposal to be voted on at any such referendum, the municipal clerk shall immediately prepare and print absentee ballots for the referendum. The phrasing of the question or proposal on the absentee ballots shall be identical to the phrasing on the ballot [or ballot label] to be used for voting in person at the referendum.
- Sec. 25. Section 9-377 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- At a primary votes may be cast and counted only for duly qualified candidates at such primary whose names appear on the ballot label on primary day. [The write-in slides shall be covered on voting machines used at a primary, and no write-in spaces shall appear on the absentee ballots used at a primary] No write-in spaces shall appear on the ballots used at a primary.

Sec. 26. Section 9-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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Except as provided in sections 9-418 and 9-419, if in any municipality, within the time specified in section 9-405, a candidacy for nomination by a political party to any municipal office or for election as a town committee member is filed with the registrar, in conformity with the provisions of sections 9-405 to 9-412, inclusive, and section 9-414, by or on behalf of any person other than party-endorsed candidates, the registrar shall forthwith after the deadline for certification of party-endorsed candidates notify the clerk of such municipality that a primary is to be held by such party for the nomination of such party to such office or for the election by such party of town committee members, as the case may be. Such notice shall include a list of all the proposed candidates, those endorsed as well as those filing candidacies, together with their addresses and the titles of the offices or positions for which they are candidates. In the case of a primary for justices of the peace, such notice shall also contain the complete ballot [label] designation of each slate pursuant to subsection (h) of section 9-437, as amended by this act. The clerk of the municipality shall thereupon cause such notice to be published forthwith in a newspaper having a general circulation in such municipality, together with a statement of the date upon which the primary is to be held, the hours during which the polls shall be open and the location of the polls. [, and shall send a copy of such notice to the Secretary of the State and record the same.] The clerk of the municipality shall also file such notice with the Secretary of the State not later than three business days after receipt of such notice from the registrar of voters. The clerk shall forthwith publish any change in the proposed candidates, listing such changes.

Sec. 27. Section 9-436 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

857 (a) Voting [machines] <u>tabulators</u> shall be used at each primary, 858 provided, (1) if, because of the number of offices and positions to be 859 voted upon at a primary, there is an insufficient number of vertical

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columns on any [machine] ballot to be used in a municipality, the vote in such municipality at such primary for such offices or positions as the Secretary of the State determines shall be taken by paper ballots, and (2) if, because of the number of candidates for any office or position to be voted upon at a primary, there is an insufficient number of horizontal rows with respect to such office or position on any [machine] ballot to be used in the municipality, the vote in such municipality at such primary for such office or position shall be taken by paper ballots. More than one voting [machine] tabulator may be used in any voting district if the registrar so prescribes. The registrar shall furnish a number of voting [machines] booths sufficient to provide a voting [machine] booth for each [twenty-four] five hundred or fraction of [twenty-four] five hundred electors eligible to vote at such primary in the municipality or voting district, as the case may be, and other necessary equipment. In each polling place in which a party has authorized unaffiliated electors, pursuant to section 9-431, to vote for some but not all offices to be contested at the primary, a separate voting [machine] tabulator shall be used for such unaffiliated electors and the registrar shall separately furnish one voting [machine] booth for each [twenty-four] five hundred or fraction of [twenty-four] five hundred enrolled party members and one voting [machine] booth for each [twenty-four] five hundred or fraction of [twenty-four] five hundred unaffiliated electors authorized to vote at such primary in such district. In determining such number of electors, enrolled party members or unaffiliated electors, the registrar shall not count the names on the enrollment or registry lists of seventy-five per cent of such electors, unaffiliated electors or enrolled party members who reside in institutions, as defined in section 9-159q. The registrar may provide more than the minimum number of voting [machines] booths required by this section.

[(b) The registrar shall appoint a suitable mechanic or mechanics to prepare, adjust and place the voting machines for use at the primary under the direction of the registrar. A voting machine mechanic shall be deemed a primary official but need not be an elector of any town.]

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[(c)] (b) Each [machine] tabulator shall be so arranged that the elector may vote for as many persons for nomination or election to each office or position as there are persons to be nominated or elected, as the case may be, and no more, and so that the elector may vote for individual candidates; provided the vote for justices of the peace shall be by slate, as provided in section 9-443.

[(d)] (c) The registrar shall appoint from among the enrolled party members in the municipality or political subdivision holding the primary, as the case may be, to serve in each polling place, the primary polling place officials, who shall consist of one moderator, at least one, but not more than two official checkers, not more than two challengers if he deems it necessary, and at least one and not more than two ballot clerks and at least one but not more than two voting [machine] tabulator tenders for each [machine] tabulator in use at such primary and, in towns with two or more voting districts at least one and not more than two assistant registrars, provided (1) in the case of a political subdivision holding a primary, if no enrolled party member who resides in the political subdivision and who is a certified moderator consents to serve as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any enrolled party member who resides in the municipality and is a certified moderator to be moderator, (2) in the case of either a municipality or a political subdivision holding a primary, if no enrolled party member can be found or no such person consents to serve as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any elector who resides in the municipality and is a certified moderator to be moderator, (3) in the case of a political subdivision holding a primary, if an insufficient number of enrolled party members who reside in the political subdivision consent to serve as checkers, challengers, voting [machine] tabulator tenders or assistant registrars, the registrar may appoint any enrolled party member who resides in the municipality to be a checker, challenger, voting [machine] tabulator tender or assistant registrar, [and] (4) in the case of either a municipality or a political subdivision holding a primary, if a sufficient number of enrolled party members cannot be found or do not consent to serve in a position

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described in subdivision (3) of this subsection, the registrar may appoint any elector who resides in the municipality to any such position, and (5) in the case of either a municipality or a political subdivision holding more than one primary on the same day for different political parties, one certified moderator may serve as moderator for both primaries, if the registrars of voters so agree. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote for some but not all of the offices to be contested at the primary, the registrar shall appoint two additional checkers to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are authorized to vote on the separate [machines] tabulators. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties in the same polling place, whether for some or for all offices to be contested at the primary, each such registrar shall appoint two additional checkers to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are authorized to vote in either such primary.

[(e)] (d) The registrar shall designate one of the moderators so appointed by the registrar to be head moderator or shall appoint as head moderator an elector who is not also moderator of a polling place and who shall be deemed a primary official. The registrar may also appoint a deputy head moderator to assist the head moderator in the performance of his duties. A deputy head moderator shall also be deemed to be a primary official. Each registrar's appointments of primary polling place officials, except moderators of polling places, and of designees to conduct supervised voting of absentee ballots pursuant to sections 9-159q and 9-159r shall be divided equally, as nearly as may be, between designees of the party-endorsed candidates and designees of one or more of the contestants, provided, if a partyendorsed candidate is a member of a party other than the one holding the primary, such primary officials [, except voting machine mechanics, shall be enrolled party members of the party holding the primary. Names of designees and alternate designees for such positions shall be submitted in writing by party-endorsed candidates and contestants to the registrar not later than ten days before the

primary, except that names of designees and alternate designees for the position of moderator shall be so submitted not later than twentyone days before the primary and, if such lists are not so presented, all such appointments shall be made by the registrar but in the abovementioned proportion. The registrar shall notify all such candidates and contestants of their right to submit a list of designees under this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the registrar shall appoint as moderators only persons who are certified to serve as moderators or alternate moderators pursuant to section 9-229, unless there is an insufficient number of such persons who are enrolled members of the registrar's party in the municipality or political subdivision holding the primary, in which case the registrar may appoint a new moderator in accordance with section 9-229, but only to the extent of such insufficiency. Primary central counting moderators and absentee ballot counters shall also be deemed primary officials. No primary official shall perform services for any candidate at the primary on primary day.

[(f)] (e) If paper ballots are required for the vote on any office or position in a municipality, the clerk of the municipality, in consultation with the registrars of voters, shall print a paper ballot for use in such primary for nomination to such office or election to such position. The Secretary of the State shall prescribe the form of such paper ballot. The Secretary of the State may prescribe general rules for the use of paper ballots in any primary, including the duties of officials at the polls with regard to the same, the marking of the same and the counting of the same. The procedure to be followed when paper ballots are so used shall conform, as nearly as may be, to the procedure applicable to voting [machines] tabulators provided in this chapter and to the law governing the use of paper ballots in regular elections and such rules shall have the force and effect of law. Chapter 54 shall not apply to rules made pursuant to this section.

[(g)] (f) The provisions of section 9-258 concerning additional lines of electors at a polling place, and of section 9-258a concerning two shifts of officials at a polling place, shall apply to a primary. Except as

otherwise provided in this chapter, the provisions of the general statutes relating to the use of voting [machines] <u>tabulators</u> at regular elections shall apply as nearly as may be to the use of voting [machines] <u>tabulators</u> at primaries.

Sec. 28. Section 9-437 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) At the top of each ballot [label] shall be printed the name of the party holding the primary, and each ballot [label] shall contain the names of all candidates to be voted upon at such primary, except the names of justices of the peace. The vertical columns shall be headed by the designation of the office or position and instructions as to the number for which an elector may vote for such office or position, in the same manner as a ballot [label] used in a regular election. The name of each candidate for town committee or municipal office, except for the municipal offices of state senator and state representative, shall appear on the ballot [label] as it appears on the registry list of such candidate's town of voting residence, except as provided in section 9-42a. The name of each candidate for state or district office or for the municipal offices of state senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears on the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-388, 9-391, 9-400 or 9-409. On the first horizontal line, below the designation of the office or position in each column, shall be placed the name of the party-endorsed candidate for such office or position, such name to be marked with an asterisk; provided, where more than one person may be voted for for any office or position, the names of the party-endorsed candidates shall be arranged in alphabetical order from left to right under the appropriate office or position designation and shall continue, if necessary, from left to right on the next lower line or lines. In the case of no party endorsement there shall be inserted the designation "no party endorsement" at the head of the vertical column, immediately beneath the designation of the office or position. On the horizontal lines below the line for party-endorsed candidates shall be placed, in the appropriate columns, the names of all other candidates as hereinafter provided.

(b) (1) In the case of two or more such candidates for the same state or district office, precedence as to row shall be determined by the alphabetical order of the surnames of such candidates, except as provided under subdivision (2) of this subsection. (2) If a single certificate or a single petition has been filed under subsection (a) of section 9-400 on behalf of two or more candidates and proposing one candidate for each state office to be contested at such primary, a single row shall be used for the names of such candidates and precedence as to row between such certificates and petitions shall be determined by the Secretary of the State by lot in a ceremony which shall be open to the public. The names of all other candidates for state office shall be placed in the appropriate columns in alphabetical order on the rows below the row or rows used for candidates whose names are contained in such a single certificate, certificates, single petition or petitions.

- (c) Whenever the position of candidates or slates on the ballot [label] under the provisions of this section is affected by the time or order of filing of primary petitions, and the registrar of voters certifies in writing to the town clerk that (1) two or more of the petitions to which such provisions apply were filed simultaneously, or (2) [he] the registrar is unable to determine the time or order of filing of two or more such petitions, then for purposes of this section the order of filing of the petitions specified in the registrar's certification shall be determined by the town clerk by lot in a ceremony which shall be open to the public.
- (d) In the case of candidates for municipal office, a single row shall be used for the candidates whose names are contained in one primary petition, provided such petition proposes at least two candidates and the full number of candidates for each office to be contested at such primary as the party may nominate or choose thereat, precedence as to row being given to the candidates whose names appear in the first such petition filed, and so on in descending order.
- (e) The names of candidates for town committee members which are contained in one primary petition shall be placed in a separate row,

precedence as to row being given to the candidates whose names appear in petitions in the order determined in accordance with this subsection. Petitions filed by nine o'clock a.m. on the first business day following the day on which petitions become available shall be given precedence as to row based on the number of valid signatures filed, in descending order from the greatest to the least. Petitions filed after nine o'clock a.m. on the first business day following the day on which petitions become available shall be given precedence as to row based on the order in which they are filed, if such petitions are filed during the regular business hours of the office of the registrars of voters or during any different hours for said office required under the general statutes. Such order of precedence shall be determined separately for petitions proposing the full number of candidates which the party may choose at the primary and for petitions proposing fewer than such full number of candidates, and provided further that petitions proposing such full number of candidates shall have precedence as to row over petitions proposing fewer than such full number of candidates.

- (f) Within such row or rows for those whose names are contained in one primary petition, where more than one person may be voted for any municipal office or position, such names shall be arranged in alphabetical order from left to right under the appropriate municipal office or position designation. The names of all other candidates shall be placed in the appropriate columns in alphabetical order on the horizontal lines below the line or lines used for candidates whose names are contained in one primary petition, if any; provided where more than one person may be voted for for any office or position, such names shall be arranged in alphabetical order from left to right under the appropriate office or position designation and shall continue, if necessary, from left to right on the next lower line or lines.
- (g) The name of each candidate shall appear on the ballot [label] in such position as is hereinbefore required, and such position shall be determined as of the final time for filing candidacies specified in section 9-400 or 9-405. Vacancies in candidacies thereafter occurring shall not cause the position of any candidate's name on the ballot

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[label] to be changed to another position. The name of any candidate whose candidacy has been vacated shall not appear on the ballot. [label. The voting machine pointer over each position where no candidate's name appears shall be locked so that no vote can be cast for such position.] If such a vacancy results in the cancellation of a primary for any office, the office column or columns where the names of the candidates and the title of the office would have appeared if the primary for that office had not been cancelled shall be left blank. If a vacancy occurs in a party-endorsed candidacy and a person is chosen in accordance with section 9-426 or 9-428 to fill the resulting vacancy in candidacy, the name of the person so chosen shall appear in the same position as that in which the name of the vacating candidate appeared. The municipal clerk shall have the ballot [label] prepared so that the name of any candidate who has vacated [his] such candidate's candidacy is deleted and so that the name of any candidate chosen to fill a vacancy in candidacy appears in the same position as that in which the vacated candidacy appeared. The municipal clerk may use blank or printed stickers, as the case may be, in preparing the [ballot labels] ballots if the [ballot labels] ballots were printed before the occurrence of the vacancy in candidacy or the selection of a candidate to fill a vacancy in candidacy. The order of the offices and positions shall be as prescribed by the Secretary of the State.

(h) The names of candidates for election as justices of the peace shall not appear on the ballot. [label.] A single vertical column shall be used for all the candidates for election to the office of justice the peace of a particular town. The vertical column used for justices of the peace shall be headed by the words "justices of the peace". On the first horizontal line in the vertical column used for justice of the peace shall be placed the words "party-endorsed slate". On the second and succeeding horizontal lines, in the order of the time of filing, shall be placed the words "challenge slate", preceded, in quotation marks, by the letter designating such line. The municipal clerk shall prepare a list of the names of all candidates on each slate for election as justices of the peace, including the complete ballot [label] designation of each such

slate as provided in this subsection, which shall be posted in the polling places by each moderator for the inspection of the electors prior to voting.

- (i) The names of candidates for nomination to any elective office or for election as members of a town committee, as the case may be, shall be separated from each other by a light line, but shall not be separated from each other on the ballot [label] by names of candidates for any other office or position or by columns used for any other office or position; and the column or columns used for each office or position shall be separated from the columns used for other offices or positions by a heavy line.
- (j) All [ballot labels] <u>ballots</u> used at a primary shall be prepared by the clerk of the municipality in which such primary is held and shall be printed at the expense of the municipality. Each municipality shall provide for all polling places:
- 1146 (1) At least forty-eight hours before the primary, such clerk shall 1147 have sample [ballot labels] ballots for general distribution, which shall 1148 [be arranged in the form of a diagram showing the entire front of the 1149 voting machine as it will appear after the official ballot labels are 1150 arranged for voting on the day of the primary or that portion thereof 1151 that will contain the offices or positions and names of candidates to be 1152 voted upon. Each such sample ballot [label] shall also include printed 1153 instructions approved by the Secretary of the State concerning the use 1154 of the voting [machine] tabulator and information concerning the date 1155 of the primary and the hours during which polling places will be open. 1156 Such clerk shall have available for distribution such number of sample 1157 [ballot labels] ballots as [he] such clerk deems advisable, but in no 1158 event less than three which shall be posted inside the polling place so 1159 as to be visible to those within the polling place during the whole day 1160 of the primary. At least one of such sample [ballot labels] ballots shall 1161 be posted so as to be visible to an elector being instructed on the 1162 demonstrator [or spare voting machine] device, pursuant to section 9-1163 260. If paper ballots are used in any primary, such sample paper

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- 1165 (2) Instructions on how to cast a provisional ballot, as prescribed by the Secretary of the State;
- 1167 (3) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time voters who 1168 register to vote by mail on or after January 1, 2003, as prescribed by the 1169 Secretary of the State;
- (4) General information concerning voting rights under federal and Connecticut laws, including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if such rights are alleged to have been violated, as prescribed by the Secretary of the State; and
- 1175 (5) General information on federal and state laws concerning 1176 prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation, as prescribed by 1177 the Secretary of the State.
 - (k) When unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote for some but not all offices to be contested at a primary, (1) separate voting [machines] <u>tabulators</u> shall be used for the unaffiliated electors in a voting district, (2) the ballot [label] shall indicate that it is a partial ballot for unaffiliated electors, (3) the ballot [label] shall contain only the offices and names of candidates for which such electors may vote, with blank columns left wherever necessary to assure that each candidate's position is the same as on the full ballot for such primary in the voting district, and (4) three sample [ballot labels] <u>ballots</u> showing such partial ballot shall also be posted inside the polling place so as to be visible to such unaffiliated electors.
- Sec. 29. Section 9-445 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Forthwith after a primary for nomination to a municipal office or for election of members of a town committee, or forthwith upon tabulation of the vote for a state or district office by the Secretary of the State

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when the plurality of an elected or nominated candidate over the vote for a defeated candidate receiving the next highest number of votes was either (1) less than a vote equivalent to one-half of one per cent of the total number of votes cast at the primary for the office or position but not more than one thousand votes, or (2) less than twenty votes, there shall be a recanvass of the returns of the voting [machine or voting machines | tabulator or voting tabulators used in such primary for [said] such office or position unless within one day after the primary, in the case of nomination to a municipal office or for election of members of a town committee, or prior to the time the Secretary of the State notifies the town clerk of state and district offices which qualify for an automatic recanvass, the defeated candidate or defeated candidates, as the case may be, for such office or position file a written statement waiving the right to such recanvass with the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal office or town committee, or with the Secretary of the State in the case of a state or district office. In the case of a state or district office, the Secretary of the State, upon tabulation of the votes for such an office, shall notify the town clerks in the state or district, as the case may be, of the state and district offices which qualify for an automatic recanvass and shall also notify each candidate for any such office. When a recanvass is to be held, the municipal clerk shall promptly notify the moderator, as defined in section 9-311, who shall proceed forthwith to recanvass such returns of the office in question in the same manner as is provided for a recanvass in regular elections, except that the recanvass officials shall be divided equally, as nearly as may be, among the candidates for such office. In addition to the notice required under section 9-311, the moderator shall, before such recanvass is made, give notice in writing of the time and place of such recanvass to each candidate for a municipal office which qualifies for an automatic recanvass under this section. For purposes of this section, "the total number of votes cast at the primary for the office or position" means, in the case of multiple openings for the same office or position, the total number of electors checked as having voted in the primary in the state, district, municipality or political subdivision, as the case may be. When a recanvass of the returns for an office for

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which there are multiple openings is required by the provisions of this section, the returns for all candidates for all openings for the office shall be recanvassed. Nothing in this section shall preclude the right to

- 1232 judicial proceedings on behalf of such defeated candidate under any
- 1233 provision of this chapter.
- Sec. 30. Section 9-447 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- The voting [machines] tabulators used in any primary shall not be
- 1237 unlocked for a period of fourteen days from the date of the primary,
- 1238 unless otherwise ordered by any judge of the Superior Court [,] or by
- 1239 the State Elections Enforcement Commission. If a contest or
- 1240 investigation is pending, such [machines] tabulators shall not be
- 1241 unlocked for such longer period of time as may be ordered by any
- 1242 judge of the Superior Court, unless a recanvass has been applied for
- under the provisions of section 9-445, as amended by this act, or unless
- 1244 an order has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement
- 1245 Commission.
- Sec. 31. Subsection (b) of section 9-453r of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 1248 *passage*):
- 1249 (b) On the horizontal rows below the rows so used for candidates, if
- 1250 any, who are so entitled to a party designation on the [voting
- machines ballot, shall be placed, in the appropriate office columns, the
- 1252 names of candidates contained in petitions approved pursuant to
- section 9-4530 bearing no party designation. Such candidates shall not
- be entitled to separate rows. Precedence as to horizontal row between
- or among such candidates shall be determined, if necessary, by the
- 1256 order in which their applications for petitions were filed with the
- 1257 Secretary of the State from the earliest to the latest; provided that
- 1258 within any such horizontal row the names of as many of such
- 1259 candidates for the same multiple-opening office as such row will
- accommodate shall be placed before placing the names of other such

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candidates for such office on the next such row. The order of the names 1261 1262 of such candidates for the same multiple-opening office, within and 1263 between any such horizontal rows, shall be determined by the 1264 registrars of voters by lot in a ceremony which shall be open to the 1265 public. The registrars of voters shall provide at least five days public 1266 notice for each such ceremony. Each row in which a candidate's name 1267 appears who is not entitled to a party designation shall be labeled 1268 "Petitioning Candidates", the print of which shall correspond to that 1269 used for party designations.

- Sec. 32. Section 9-453s of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1272 Vacancies in candidacies occurring after all nominating petitions 1273 have been approved under section 9-4530, shall not cause the position 1274 of any candidate's name on the ballot [label] to be changed to another 1275 position unless a blank row on the [machine] ballot results from such 1276 vacancy or vacancies in which case the position of candidates 1277 appearing on lines under the blank row may change if the consent of 1278 all candidates involved in such a change is filed in the Secretary of the 1279 State's office prior to the time for printing and filing sample [ballot 1280 labels] ballots with said secretary. The name of any candidate whose 1281 candidacy has been vacated shall not appear on the ballot. [label. The 1282 voting machine pointer over each position where no candidate's name 1283 appears shall be locked so that no vote can be cast in that position.]
- Sec. 33. Section 9-470 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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The secretary shall determine by lot, in a public ceremony held on the thirty-fifth day preceding the day of the primary, the order in which the names of the candidates will appear on the ballot of each party at such primary; provided that the category "uncommitted" shall appear last on such ballots. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the contrary, no candidate shall be designated on the ballot as the party-endorsed candidate. The names of such

candidates shall appear, in the order so determined by the secretary, in the first vertical column of the [voting machine] ballot. Such column shall be designated "Nomination for President of the United States"; provided if the number of candidates is such that there is an insufficient number of places in such column, the secretary shall determine whether the names of the candidates shall also extend, in the order so determined, to the second and succeeding columns as may be necessary, or shall appear on the first and succeeding horizontal rows as may be necessary. Such columns or rows shall be designated as hereinabove provided. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the form of the ballot shall be prescribed by the secretary and shall conform, as nearly as may be, to the provisions of section 9-437, as amended by this act.

Sec. 34. Section 9-247 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The registrars of voters shall, before the day of the election, [cause the mechanic or mechanics to insert on each machine the ballot labels corresponding with the sample diagrams provided and to] put each [such machine] voting tabulator in order in every way and set and adjust the same so that it shall be ready for use in voting when delivered at the polling place. Such registrars shall cause [the machine so labeled,] each such tabulator to be in order and set and adjusted, to be delivered at the polling place, together with all necessary furniture and appliances that go with the same, at the room where the election is to be held, not later than six o'clock in the afternoon of the day preceding the election. Each [voting machine] polling place shall be furnished with light sufficient to enable electors while voting to read the ballot [labels] and suitable for use by the election officials in examining the counters. [A pencil shall also be provided, within each voting machine, for use in casting a write-in ballot.]

Sec. 35. Section 9-320f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) Not earlier than the fifteenth day after any election or primary and not later than two business days before the canvass of votes by the Secretary of the State, Treasurer and Comptroller, for any federal or state election or primary, or by the town clerk for any municipal election or primary, the registrars of voters shall conduct a manual audit of the votes recorded in not less than ten per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or municipality, whichever is applicable. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation. Any election official who participates administration and conduct of an audit pursuant to this section shall be compensated by the municipality at the standard rate of pay established by such municipality for elections or primaries, as the case may be.

(b) The voting districts subject to the audit described in subsection (a) of this section shall be selected in a random drawing by the Secretary of the State and such selection process shall be open to the public. The offices subject to the audit pursuant to this section shall be, (1) in the case of an election where the office of presidential elector is on the ballot, all offices required to be audited by federal law, plus one additional office selected in a random drawing by the Secretary of the State, but in no case less than three offices, (2) in the case of an election where the office of Governor is on the ballot, all offices required to be audited by federal law, plus one additional office selected in a random drawing by the Secretary of the State, but in no case less than three offices, (3) in the case of a municipal election, three offices or twenty per cent of the number of offices on the ballot, whichever is greater, selected at random by the municipal clerk, and (4) in the case of a primary election, all offices required to be audited by federal law, plus one additional office, if any, but in no event less than twenty per cent of the offices on the ballot, selected in a random drawing by the municipal clerk.

(c) If a selected voting district has an office that is subject to recanvass or an election or primary contest pursuant to the general statutes, the Secretary shall select an alternative district, pursuant to

the process described in subsection (b) of this section.

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(d) The manual audit described in subsection (a) of this section shall consist of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots cast and counted by each voting [machine] tabulator subject to such audit. Once complete, the vote totals established pursuant to the manual tabulation shall be compared to the results reported by the voting [machine] tabulator on the day of the election or primary. The results of the manual tabulation shall be reported on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State which shall include the total number of ballots counted, the total votes received by each candidate in question, the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were properly completed by each voter and the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were not properly completed by each voter. Such report shall be filed with the Secretary of the State who shall immediately forward such report to The University of Connecticut for analysis. The University of Connecticut shall file a written report with the Secretary of the State regarding such analysis that describes any discrepancies identified. After receipt of such report, the Secretary of the State shall file such report with the State Elections **Enforcement Commission.**

- (e) For the purposes of this section, a ballot that has not been properly completed will be deemed to be a ballot on which (1) votes have been marked by the voter outside the vote targets, (2) votes have been marked by the voter using a manual marking device that cannot be read by the voting [machine] tabulator, or (3) in the judgment of the registrars of voters, the voter marked the ballot in such a manner that the voting [machine] tabulator may not have read the marks as votes cast.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-311, the Secretary of the State shall order a discrepancy recanvass of the returns of an election or primary for any office if a discrepancy, as defined in subsection (o) of this section, exists where the margin of victory in the race for such office is less than the amount of the discrepancy

multiplied by the total number of voting districts where such race appeared on the ballot, provided in a year in which the Secretary of the State is a candidate for an office on the ballot and that office is subject to an audit as provided by this section, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall order a discrepancy recanvass if a discrepancy, as defined by subsection (o) of this section, has occurred that could affect the outcome of the election or primary for such office.

- (g) If The University of Connecticut report described in subsection (d) of this section indicates that a voting [machine] <u>tabulator</u> failed to record votes accurately and in the manner provided by the general statutes, the Secretary of the State shall require that the voting [machine] <u>tabulator</u> be examined and recertified by the Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary of the State from requiring that a voting [machine] tabulator be examined and recertified.
- (h) The audit report filed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be open to public inspection and may be used as prima facie evidence of a discrepancy in any contest arising pursuant to chapter 149 or for any other cause of action arising from such election or primary.
 - (i) If the audit officials are unable to reconcile the manual count with the electronic vote tabulation and discrepancies, the Secretary of the State shall conduct such further investigation of the voting [machine or] tabulator malfunction as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing whether or not to decertify the voting [machine or machines] tabulator or tabulators in question or to order the voting [machine] tabulator to be examined and recertified pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. Any report produced by the Secretary of the State as a result of such investigation shall be filed with the State Elections Enforcement Commission and the commission may initiate such further investigation in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b as may be required to determine if any violations of the general statutes concerning election law have been

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- 1425 committed.
- 1426 (j) The individual paper ballots used at an election or primary shall
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- 1428 accordance with the requirements of section 9-266 [, 9-302] or 9-310,
- 1429 whichever is applicable.
- 1430 (k) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude any
- 1431 candidate or elector from seeking additional remedies pursuant to
- 1432 chapter 149.
- (l) After an election or primary, any voting [machine] tabulator may
- be kept locked for a period longer than that prescribed by sections 9-
- 1435 266, 9-310 and 9-447, as amended by this act, if such an extended
- 1436 period is ordered by either a court of competent jurisdiction, the
- 1437 Secretary of the State or the State Elections Enforcement Commission.
- 1438 Either the court or the Secretary of the State may order an audit of such
- 1439 voting [machine] tabulator to be conducted by such persons as the
- 1440 court or the Secretary of the State may designate, provided the State
- 1441 Elections Enforcement Commission may order such an audit under the
- 1442 circumstances prescribed in subsection (f) of this section. If the
- machine utilized in such election or primary is an optical scan voting
- 1444 system, such order to lock such machine shall include the tabulator,
- memory card and all other components and processes utilized in the
- 1446 programming of such machine.
- 1447 (m) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance
- 1448 with the provisions of chapter 54, as may be necessary for the conduct
- of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots described in subsection
- 1450 (a) of this section and to establish guidelines for expanded audits when
- there are differences between the manual and [machine] tabulator
- 1452 counts.
- (n) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
- 1454 Secretary of the State shall have access to the code in any voting
- machine whenever any problem is discovered as a result of the audit
- described in subsection (a) of this section.

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(o) As used in this section, "discrepancy" means any difference in vote totals between [machine] <u>tabulator</u> and manual counts in a voting district that exceeds one-half of one per cent of the lesser amount of the vote totals between [machine] <u>tabulator</u> and manual counts where such differences cannot be resolved through an accounting of ballots that were not marked properly in accordance with subsection (e) of this section, "state election" means "state election", as defined in section 9-1, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and "municipal election" means a municipal election held pursuant to section 9-164.

- Sec. 36. Subsection (a) of section 9-236 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1469 (a) On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person 1470 shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or 1471 himself or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being 1472 submitted at the election or referendum, or loiter or peddle or offer 1473 any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a 1474 radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to 1475 any polling place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach 1476 leading from any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any 1477 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach. [, 1478 except as provided in section 9-294.] Nothing contained in this section 1479 shall be construed to prohibit (1) parent-teacher associations or parent-1480 teacher organizations from holding bake sales or other fund-raising 1481 activities on the day of any primary, referendum or election in any 1482 school used as a polling place, provided such sales or activities shall 1483 not be held in the room in which the election booths are located, (2) the 1484 registrars of voters from directing the officials at a primary, 1485 referendum or election to distribute, within the restricted area, 1486 adhesive labels on which are imprinted the words "I Voted Today", or 1487 (3) the registrars of voters in a primary, election or referendum from 1488 jointly permitting nonpartisan activities to be conducted in a room 1489 other than the room in which the election booths are located. The 1490 registrars may jointly impose such conditions and limitations on such

1491 nonpartisan activity as deemed necessary to ensure the orderly process

- 1492 of voting. The moderator shall evict any person who in any way
- 1493 interferes with the orderly process of voting.
- 1494 Sec. 37. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
- 1495 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 1496 passage):
- 1497 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any
- 1498 person who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the
- 1499 provisions of section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35, 7-41, 7-83, 7-
- 1500 283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, [9-296, 9-305,] 9-322, 9-350, 10-193, 10-
- 1501 197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 12-52, 12-170aa, 12-292 or 12-326g,
- 1502 subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section
- 1503 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-
- 1504 113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-
- 1505 143b, 13a-247 or 13a-253, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-
- 1506 90, 13b-221, 13b-292, 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or
- 1507 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414,
- 1508 subsection (d) of section 14-12, section 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (e)
- 1509 of section 14-34a, subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-49,
- 1510 14-50a or 14-58, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a, 14-66b
- 1511 or 14-67a, subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) of section 14-
- 1512 80h, section 14-97a, 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-146, 14-152,
- 1513 14-153 or 14-163b, a first violation as specified in subsection (f) of
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- section 14-164i, section 14-219 as specified in subsection (e) of said
- 1515 section, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, section 14-240, 14-249, 14-
- 1516 250 or 14-253a, subsection (a) of section 14-261a, section 14-262, 14-264,
- 1517 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-275a, 14-278 or 14-279, subsection (e) of
- 1518 section 14-283, section 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321,
- 1519 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section
- 1520 14-386a, section 15-33, subsection (a) of section 15-115, section 16-256,
- 1521 16-256e, 16a-15 or 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h,
- 1522 section 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149, 17a-152, 17a-465, 17a-642, 17b-124,
- 1523 17b-131, 17b-137 or 17b-734, subsection (b) of section 17b-736, section
- 1524 19a-30, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a,

section 19a-91, 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-215, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 1525 1526 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-502, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-158, 20-231, 20-257, 1527 1528 20-265 or 20-324e, section 20-341l, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 21-30, 21-38, 1529 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48, 21-63, 21-76a, 21a-21, 21a-25, 21a-26 or 21a-1530 30, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63 or 1531 21a-77, subsection (b) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85, 21a-154, 21a-1532 159, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-29, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 1533 22-39a, 22-39b, 22-39c, 22-39d, 22-39e, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61, 22-89, 22-90, 1534 22-98, 22-99, 22-100, 22-1110, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a, 1535 22-326 or 22-342, subsection (b) or (e) of section 22-344, section 22-359, 1536 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) 1537 of section 22a-250, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-381d, 1538 22a-449, 22a-461, 23-37, 23-38, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or (b) of 1539 section 23-65, section 25-37, 25-40, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-1540 49, 26-54, 26-59, 26-61, 26-64, 26-79, 26-89, 26-97, 26-107, 26-117, 26-128, 1541 26-131, 26-132, 26-138, 26-141, 26-207, 26-215, 26-224a, 26-227, 26-230, 1542 26-294, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-109, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e) or (g) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y, 29-161z, 29-198, 29-1543 1544 210, 29-243, 29-277, subsection (c) of section 29-291c, section 29-316, 29-1545 318, 29-381, 30-48a, 30-86a, 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 1546 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-28, 31-32, 31-36, 31-38, 31-38a, 31-40, 1547 31-44, 31-47, 31-48, 31-51, 31-51k, 31-52, 31-52a or 31-54, subsection (a) 1548 or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b 1549 or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288, 36a-787, 42-1550 230, 45a-450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-1551 54, section 46a-59, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38dd, 46b-38gg, 46b-1552 38kk, 47-34a, 47-47, 49-8a, 49-16 or 53-133, or section 53-212a, 53-249a, 1553 53-252, 53-264, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323, 53-331, 1554 53-344 or 53-450, or (2) a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, 1555 or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted in accordance with the 1556 provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any 1557 ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town, city or borough, except 1558 violations of building codes and the health code, for which the penalty 1559 exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars,

unless such town, city or borough has established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this section.

Sec. 38. Section 9-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

If, owing to the number of candidates to be voted upon or owing to inability to obtain a sufficient number of voting tabulators, it is found impracticable to use voting tabulators at any election to be held in any municipality, or in one or more of the voting districts therein, the registrars of voters may discontinue the use of such tabulators for such election in any of the voting districts therein, and shall thereupon cause ballots to be procured and used at such election [, as provided by this part,] in each of the voting districts wherein the use of voting tabulators has been so discontinued.

1574 Sec. 39. Sections 9-6a, 9-242c, 9-243, 9-270, 9-271, 9-273 to 9-276, 1575 inclusive, and 9-279 to 9-306, inclusive, of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following						
sections:						
Section 1	from passage	New section				
Sec. 2	from passage	9-1				
Sec. 3	from passage	9-135a(a)				
Sec. 4	from passage	9-224				
Sec. 5	from passage	9-235(b)				
Sec. 6	from passage	9-238(a)				
Sec. 7	from passage	9-238a				
Sec. 8	from passage	9-240a				
Sec. 9	from passage	9-241(a)				
Sec. 10	from passage	9-242				
Sec. 11	from passage	9-242b				
Sec. 12	from passage	9-245				
Sec. 13	from passage	9-248				
Sec. 14	from passage	9-249(a)				
Sec. 15	from passage	9-249a(a)				

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Sec. 16	from passage	9-249b(a)
Sec. 17	from passage	9-255
Sec. 18	from passage	9-264
Sec. 19	from passage	9-352
Sec. 20	from passage	9-307
Sec. 21	from passage	9-309
Sec. 22	from passage	9-367
Sec. 23	from passage	9-369
Sec. 24	from passage	9-369c(c)
Sec. 25	from passage	9-377
Sec. 26	from passage	9-435
Sec. 27	from passage	9-436
Sec. 28	from passage	9-437
Sec. 29	from passage	9-445
Sec. 30	from passage	9-447
Sec. 31	from passage	9-453r(b)
Sec. 32	from passage	9-453s
Sec. 33	from passage	9-470
Sec. 34	from passage	9-247
Sec. 35	from passage	9-320f
Sec. 36	from passage	9-236(a)
Sec. 37	from passage	51-164n(b)
Sec. 38	from passage	9-272
Sec. 39	from passage	Repealer section

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential	\$135-\$680 per	\$135-\$680 per
	Savings	polling place	polling place
		per town	per town

Explanation

The bill makes various changes to election statutes that may result in a potential savings of \$135 - \$680 per polling location per municipality.

The bill provides registrar of voters the option to appoint one or two official checkers and ballot clerks. Current law requires two. Official checkers and ballot clerks receive a per diem¹ of \$135 - \$165.

The bill also provides registrar of voters the option to appoint a single certified moderator per polling place when more than one political party is holding a primary on the same day. Current law requires one per party. Moderators receive a per diem¹ of \$300 - \$350.

The extent of the potential savings depends on how many poll workers each municipality chooses to appoint and the number of polling places in the municipality. The number of polling locations in a municipality ranges from one to 36.

The potential savings range from \$135 - \$680 per polling place per

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¹ The per diem amounts vary depending on the municipality.

municipality. The low end of the range would occur if a municipality reduced one poll worker. The higher range of savings would occur if a municipality reduced three poll workers.

House "A" makes a clarifying change that does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Sources: Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut (ROVAC)

OLR Bill Analysis sHB 6330 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO ELECTIONS RELATED STATUTES.

SUMMARY:

This bill (1) makes technical, minor, and conforming changes to reflect the change from lever to optical scan voting machines (i.e., tabulators) and (2) repeals provisions and procedures rendered obsolete by the change in voting technology.

The bill also narrows the circumstances under which a person may be imprisoned for tampering with voting equipment (i.e., tabulators, appliances used in connection with them, and ballots). Under current law, a person may generally be imprisoned for up to five years for tampering with or destroying voting equipment before or during an election. The bill specifies that this provision applies only when a person intends to cause a vote to register improperly (§ 22).

*House Amendment "A" adds the provision concerning imprisonment for tampering with or destroying voting equipment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

TECHNICAL, MINOR, AND CONFORMING CHANGES

To reflect the change in voting technology, the bill makes several technical and conforming changes. Among other things it:

- 1. substitutes "tabulator" for "machine" and "ballot" for "ballot label" throughout the General Statutes, but primarily in Title 9, which governs elections;
- 2. eliminates obsolete references to "voting tabulator technicians"

and "machine mechanics" (see BACKGROUND) (e.g., §§ 12, 13, 27, and 39);

- 3. eliminates references to the specific characteristics of the lever voting machine, such as "pointers" and "counters" (e.g., §§ 13, 18, and 28); and
- 4. eliminates procedures applicable to lever voting machines only, replacing them with parallel provisions for voting tabulators (e.g., § 7, 13, 17, 21, 25, and 27).

Concerning procedures, the bill, for example, requires registrars to furnish voting privacy booths, rather than lever voting machines, based on the number of electors in the district. For a primary, they must provide one voting booth for every 500 electors (or fraction thereof), rather than one voting machine for every 2,400 electors (or fraction thereof) (§ 27).

The bill repeals:

- 1. a requirement that the secretary of the state convene a conference before each regular election to train machine mechanics (§ 39);
- 2. provisions for administering paper ballot elections, including referenda, when lever voting machines are unusable (if a voting tabulator malfunctions, regulations specify the procedure for hand counting ballots (Conn. Agency Reg. § 9-242a-23)) (§ 39); and
- 3. the obsolete Voting Technology Standards Board, which was established to develop standards for electronic voting systems and required to terminate after submitting its report in January, 2006 (§ 39).

Finally, the bill makes certain minor changes. It:

1. conforms statute to practice by transferring certain duties from

town clerks to registrars of voters (e.g., prepare and furnish supplies before an election) (§ 13);

- 2. requires town clerks to file notice of a primary for municipal office or town committee members with the secretary of the state within three business days after receiving it from the registrars of voters (§ 26);
- 3. changes the required number of primary day poll workers by giving the registrar of voters the option to appoint one or two official checkers, instead of requiring two, and giving them the same discretion concerning ballot clerks (these provisions already apply to general elections) (§ 27); and
- 4. gives registrars the option to appoint a single certified moderator per polling place when more than one political party holds a primary on the same day, if the registrars both agree to the designation (§ 27).

BACKGROUND

Machine Mechanics and Technicians

According to the Office of the Secretary of the State, the optical scan voting tabulator self-tests before it is used. The registrars of voters additionally test the tabulators. If a tabulator jams or otherwise malfunctions, the tabulator tender notifies the appropriate election official, who replaces it (Conn. Agencies Reg. §§ 9-242a-9 and -16). Voting tabulator technicians, formerly machine mechanics, do not repair the machines and, in practice, several towns do not have the position.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/07/2011)